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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN-BELGIAN RELATIONS: SIMONET TO KINSHASA

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET'S CHEF DE CABINET, ALFRED CAHEN, TOLD US JULY 28 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET, ACCOMPANIED BY CAHEN AND ANDRE ONKELINX, WILL VISIT ZAIRE AS THE GUEST OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU, LEAVING BRUSSELS JULY 31 AND RETURNING AUGUST 2. CAHEN, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM BEING AN OBSERVER AT THE OAU SUMMIT AT KHARTOUM, TOLD US THAT HE MET MOBUTU THERE AND THAT MOBUTU WAS "ENTHUSIASTIC" ABOUT INVITING SIMONET TO KINSHASA. CHARACTERIZING THE UPCOMING VISIT AS THE END OF THE RECENT DIFFICULTIES IN ALWAYS STORMY BELGO-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS, CAHEN SAID THAT THE SIMONET-MOBUTU DISCUSSIONS WOULD COVER A WHOLE RANGE OF
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BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES AND COULD BE VIEWED AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECENT PARIS AND BRUSSELS MEETINGS ON ZAIRE.

2. CAHEN PROMISED US A FULL READ-OUT ON HIS RETURN.
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